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Interior (top) and Exterior (bottom) views of Illuminarium at Navy Pier.

Images courtesy Rockwell Group

Immersive theater space coming to Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier

Illuminarium to cost \$30M

Most see virtual reality [VR] as wearing goggles at home to be transported to a different place and time, but it's about to go big time on Navy Pier.

Last week City Council approved plans to add Illuminarium as an attraction at Navy Pier.

The \$30 million new attraction will be placed inside the current Crystal Gardens space with no exterior addition or alterations being made.

The new venture hopes to deliver on VR's promise of virtually transporting you to another time and place, only without the headset, so you can have a shared, communal experience with friends, family and groups.

Designed by The Rockwell Group, the new attractions will be an immersive theater space and will need no other areas of the pier. The space will be turned into an "edutainment" experience for local residents and tourists in a cinematic system that can take you anywhere. A sophisticated sound system helps you hear, haptic systems in the floor allow you to feel, scent systems can replicate smells, all creating an immersive effect that also incorporates Light Detection and Ranging [Lidar] systems. A typical Lidar sensor emits pulsed light waves into the surrounding environment. These pulses bounce off surrounding

objects and return to the sensor. The sensor uses the time it took for each pulse to return to the sensor to calculate the distance it traveled.

Visitor are promised to come face-to-face with the world's most exotic animals in their natural habitats in the "Wild" safari spectacle. The staff will use custom camera arrays that provide a 240-degree native field of view, shot on location to showcase animals in their native habitats across South Africa, Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania.

A second show will be "Spacewalk," billed by the company as "a mind-blowing journey through our Solar System," letting visitors stroll across Moon and Mars. A third experience the partners are contemplating would take visitors into the depths of the world's oceans.

Run by Illuminarium Experiences, a global experiential edutainment company, the goal is to "democratize experiences" with technology that can flip a switch and change the entire experience.

Visitors will enter the future Illuminarium area through the lobby and ticketing space, which will span the interior frontage of the building. Visitors will queue

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Lightfoot administration once again promises "all hands on deck" to fight violence

BY CWBCHICAGO

On June 11, 2019, Mayor Lori Lightfoot called a press conference to announce that she would take an "all hands on deck approach" to fighting violence in Chicago.

"This has to be an all hands on deck approach to making sure that we're strengthening our communities, but also addressing the issue of violence," she said.

Later that summer, Lightfoot built on the all-hands theme: "We're bringing everyone to the table to build on our 'all hands on

deck effort' to create real, widespread and lasting public safety by addressing these issues head-on in a coordinated and collective effort."

Over the next year, Chicago's shooting and murder tallies increased by more than 50%. This year is outpacing last. And July, the month that just ended, will go down as the third-worst month for murders in Chicago since the police department's modern record-keeping system began in 1957.

On Monday police charged Eric Morgan, 22, and Emonte Morgan, 21, in the fatal shooting

of one Chicago police officer and wounding a second officer at 9:08 p.m. Aug. 7, in the 2200 block of W. 63rd St. All hands were on deck, but it still wasn't enough.

So, of course, the mayor's office on Thursday called a press conference to rally "all hands on deck" to fight the violence. Lightfoot's new press secretary, Cesar Rodriguez, announced the latest "all hands on deck" approach on Twitter Aug. 5.

"The press conference starts in 15 minutes," Rodriguez tweeted.

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Sheriff offers free assistance to tenants, housing providers as Eviction Moratorium expires

As the moratorium on filing eviction cases is slowly being lifted, Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart is reminding landlords, housing providers and tenants grappling with eviction that they can access the Office's Community Resource Center [CRC] for assistance in accessing services and financial help.

Presently there is a short grace period until Sept. 1, when judges can order evictions and the Cook County Sheriff's Office can enforce them.

The federal government has extended the eviction moratorium through Sunday, Oct. 3. But this applies to Illinois counties with a "substantial" or "high" amount of COVID-19 spread. Most of the Chicago area falls within the "substantial" range.

Chicago saw an average of more than 22,500 eviction filings

per year between 2010 and 2019. But relying on eviction court records alone substantially underreports the numbers, court records only provide information on formal evictions.

Since the moratorium was put in place in March of 2020 there have been none.

"The pandemic was one of the major drivers behind my creation of a CRC last year when we began to see how the economic pressures created by COVID would create a ripple effect of devastating consequences," Sheriff Dart said. "The CRC expands access to the social services my office has long provided to households facing eviction with complex family or health needs."

Launched late last year, CRC team members work directly with the public to help individuals navigate social services, housing,

employment, medical and mental health services, among others. The CRC also can help individuals locate existing government rental assistance. The CRC is currently operating virtually and can be reached via phone at 773-405-5116, or via email at ccso.resourcecenter@ccsheriff.org or online at www.cookcountysheriff.org/crc/home.

The availability of the CRC is just one of several efforts the Office is taking to address the resumption of evictions after a moratorium that began in March 2020. With significant government rental assistance available, the Office has instituted a policy requiring property owners to confirm there is no forthcoming assistance before an eviction will be enforced. Social workers are

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Crew carjacks Uber driver on Mag Mile

BY CWBCHICAGO

The carjacking crew that targeted an Uber driver along the Magnificent Mile Aug. 6 carjacked another Uber driver about 90 minutes earlier in West Town, according to Chicago police. And the first Uber driver had a passenger in the car when the hijackers struck.

Area Three detectives publicly linked the two crimes in a community alert. Around 3 a.m., an Uber driver and his passenger were on the 1000 block of N. Her-

mitage when a white sedan pulled alongside them, and three men got out with guns, according to a CPD report.

The report said that the hijackers forced the driver and passenger from the Uber and fled north on Hermitage in the 2014 BMW, which had Iowa plates. The white car followed them.

Then, at 4:48 a.m., three men approached an Uber driver as he waited in his car for another assignment on the corner of Michigan and Ontario on the Mag Mile. One of the men displayed a gun,

and the group took control of the victim's black Lexus, which headed west on Ontario. It was accompanied by the BMW bearing Iowa plates that was taken in West Town.

In the community alert, police said the carjackers are three Black males between the ages of 16- and 30-years-old and one Black male who's 16- to 18-years-old.

Anyone with information about the crimes can contact Area Three detectives at 312-744-8263. Refer to crime pattern P21-3-091.



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Picasso taught the world that art is life and love



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

It's a very hot summer morning and I need to take myself somewhere to write, eat and bathe in fresh summer iced tea.

So I flee the studio, indulging myself at Greek Islands in Greektown. Time for thoughts and reflections on my pal Pablo Picasso 1881-1973. He's always a responsible summer's day business for me. I am his avid student. He was a Chicago kind of guy. That's why he gave us "Tete du Femme," Head of a Woman, the sculpture in Daley Plaza. He'd fit right in here, today.

Picasso is always just a great art museum away. While any city becomes an opportunity to view his work, our own Art Institute has some of his best. "The Old Guitarist," 1903. "The Red Armchair," 1931. "Mother and Child," 1921. "Weeping Woman," 1937. "Nude Under A Pine Tree," 1959. All true Chicago treasures.

Some ten years ago, I visited his great biographer, the late Sir John Richardson, with painter Adam Umbach, in the biographer's fabulously huge apartment down on the lower end of Broadway. Filled with rare Picassos, Warhols and Freuds. The afternoon was spent at Union Square Cafe, lunching and talking about Picasso and all the intricacies of an artist's life.

For as long as I can remember, Picasso has been a filter through

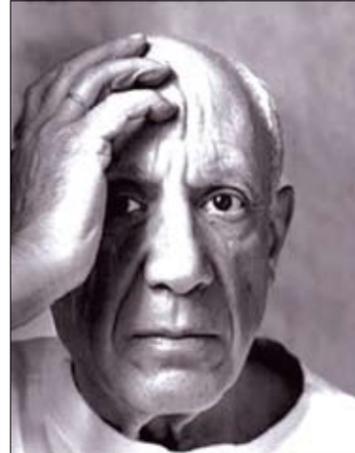
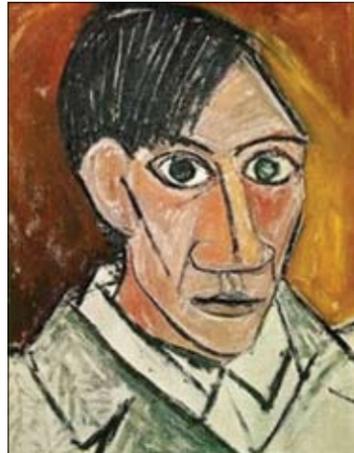
which all art passes. An eternal teacher about color, texture, form and shadow. Surface depth and composition. His hand shapes my brain, like a great gazpacho. Serious and spicy. But too often, Picasso is misunderstood. The victim of the public's misinformation artistic ignorance and lack of appropriate experience of his work. He's frequently trivialized. A painter's worst nightmare.

Picasso was a burly, he-man painter. Filled with Spanish bravado, crude humor and love for strong, shapely females. Women like his wife, the Yugoslavian ballet dancer, Olga Khokhlove, whom he would never divorce. Or his devoted mistresses Marie-Therese Walter, Dora Marr, Françoise Gilot (still living at 100) and second wife, Jacqueline Roque, who put a bullet in her brain shortly after his death.

Devoted to bullfights, he had a pension for good food, bold wine and chit chat among the peasants. He saw the world through Spanish eyes, but painted in France his whole long life. Paris was where the money was. Clients with refined tastes. A love for the radical. A tempting aesthetic for the grotesque. The asymmetrical. The human form reinvented beyond his cubism to new shapes of the physical. The re-invention of style in almost every decade. Painting the interior disposition of his sitters. Subjects contorted by his brush. The edgy works that dangled his most modern of canvasses before the refining seasoned tastes his collectors' embraced.

He created vast rooms of paintings. Worked everyday. Painted all day. More than any painter I know.

The canvas was romance for Picasso, revealing all of himself and his subjects. Round and bul-



(Top) "Guernica." (Bottom left) The artist's Self Portrait (Right) Pablo Picasso.

bous women. Voluptuous. Tangy. The mis-shaped beauties who unleashed his sexual demons. Equine. Truly Spanish and not French. What his nemesis, the ex-patriot American busy-body Gertrude Stein never quite understood. Though her brother, Leo, became an early collector in their Paris residence. Picasso's 1906 portrait of Miss Stein is curiously grotesque. Burly and brutal, it suits Miss Stein and became the centerpiece of her cocktail soirees at 27 rue de Fleurus. There Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald sipped their drinks, while Cole Porter played her piano. And Alice B. Toklas answered the front door for the likes of Sinclair Lewis, James Joyce, Ezra Pound, Thornton Wilder, Juan Gris, Sherwood Anderson and much of intellectual Paris. Though Picasso never seemed to take to Stein's "center of attention" brand of Americanism.

Picasso was a true successful painter as The Great War arrived in 1914. By then, his fellow artists from France, Italy, and assorted European nations were drafted into military service. But as a Spaniard, Pablo never had to serve. Because he could not predict how severe the war might be, he withdrew 100,000 French francs from his bank to meet any eventuality. A vast sum of money, especially for a young painter. Few contemporaries could have done that.

He went to the South of France to escape the harsh changes in Parisian urban life and paint. Whatever he created, enhanced his artistic reputation. He was sought after. Celebrated. Most importantly, when the war ended, he was alive. Some of Europe's best poets, painters, playwrights and musicians did not return from the carnage of the front. Many more perished in the great Pandemic of the Spanish Flu. Picasso escaped that too.

His post-war life was filled with opportunity and design challenges, like Sergei Diaghilev's ballet sets. His studio relocated from the Marais to Paris' Left Bank at

7 Rue de Grand-Agustin. Not far from the Louvre.

That's where the Spanish delegation came to ask him to execute a large painting, the center piece for an international art exhibition at Chaillot near the Eiffel Tower in 1937. He was not open to the idea.

But then Hitler sent his Luftwaffe to aid Generalissimo Franco during the Spanish Civil War, ultimately wiping out the Basque city of Guernica. Obliterating all life.

Picasso rose to the occasion. When the delegation returned to plead their case, they found Picasso already working on the massive painting "Guernica." And the surrealist-photographer Dora Marr catalogued its completion.

The painting became a symbol of anti-Fascist resistance. It was the most controversial Spanish painting at the World Exhibition. And anywhere in Europe. Ironically Spain's pavilion was next door to Hitler's.

Later Picasso secretly shipped it to the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York. Along with hundreds of other works he hoped to save from the impending doom of World War II.

MOMA staged an important Picasso exhibition on November 15, 1939 that remained on view until January 7, 1940, in collaboration with the Art Institute of Chicago. Three-hundred and forty-four works, including "Guernica" and its studies, as well as "Les Femmes d'Alger." During the post-war era, "Guernica" came twice to the Art Institute of Chicago. There Chicagoans balked at its style and importance. Exhibiting a rural unsophistication that appears comic today.

When the Germans invaded Paris, the Gestapo set out to find "Guernica," to destroy it. They frequently barged into Picasso's studio to frighten him. They'd show him photos of the work. "Did you do this?" they would ask. Picasso would go silent. Then say, "No. You did. Actually," settling where blame should rest for the Spanish massacre.

Picasso gathered his wife, mistresses and their assorted children and relocated to the South of France. He bought a large villa that would suit them. And paid the seller one painting for the vast estate, so successful had he become.

Picasso's last will instructed that "Guernica" and those hundreds of other works must stay at MOMA until there was a democratically elected government in Spain.

Franco's death in 1976 was followed by democratic elections, but MOMA dragged their heels on returning their most important in-house treasure. They could not let go. They were challenged with a stern warning from the oldest and youngest members of the U.S. Senate, Strom Thurmond and Joseph Biden.

"Guernica" finally returned to Spain in 1981. People were unaware of its arrival. But word spread quickly as the painting made its way from the airport in Madrid. As the truck carrying the treasure moved closer to the city, it is said millions of people rushed out of offices, shops and schools and lined the streets as it made its way to the Prado Museum. People openly wept at the return of the Picasso treasure. That moment lifted the painter's career to its highest ebb more than a century after his birth.

Picasso taught the world that art is life and love. Politics and poetry. Lyrical in its collision with us and true in its ability to consume and reflect the form and spirit of the age. True at the sacred space of MOMA. And in a

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Demand for Chicago vacation-home units on the rise this summer



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

After a year-and-a half-long year battle against the effects of the COVID-19 virus on Chicago's vacation-home and shared-housing industry, travel volume and bookings for units are rapidly returning, analysts say.

Nearly half of Chicago Airbnb hosts delisted their property as COVID-19 lockdowns surged in 2020, and inventory of available rentals fell to about 5,400 units from about 10,600 listings.

However, demand for vacation-home units apparently is skyrocketing back to 2019 levels this summer, according to industry sources.

"Many Chicago vacationers are choosing private homes and well-appointed apartments over downtown hotels as the travel industry rebounds," noted Realtor Sara E. Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty, who works with owners of income properties.

In Old Town and Lincoln Park, some Airbnb rental rates for upscale two-bedroom units with private outdoor space and an in-unit washer/dryer are running more than \$300 per night, Benson said.

In the summer of 2020, the Chicago City Council approved regulatory measures to combat



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use of short-term rentals as "party houses" or hubs of prohibited activities.

New amendments to Chicago's policy on vacation-rental homes and short-term rentals include a ban on single-night stays. There also are tougher rules on excessive loud noise and/or vibrations generated from within the rental unit, in any private open space

adjoining the rental, or on the adjacent public way.

Property owners who list homes as vacation rentals on popular booking sites such as Airbnb and VRBO must submit their registration information with the city and not only with the home-sharing platforms. Changes also increase the annual owner license fee to \$125 per unit from \$60.

This change should help the Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection track violations. Owners who violate the law will face fines of between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

An industry survey of Chicago vacation-home and shared properties shows the following trends in the marketplace:

- Summer bookings are currently running 40% or more over 2019 levels.
- Larger home and apartment properties offering three or more bedrooms are seeing the most significant increases in demand.
- Many properties are being booked at record-high average-daily rates for the months of August through November of 2021.
- Average length of stay continues to trend upward and significantly exceeds pre-2020 levels.

If you are a property owner thinking about joining the booming shared-housing and vacation-home industry, it is important to remember there are some drawbacks even for well-managed units.

"Many Chicago vacationers are choosing private homes and well-appointed apartments over downtown hotels as the travel industry rebounds," noted Realtor Sara E. Benson.

"We had a long-term vacation-home visitor from New York who apparently did not read our rules on garbage-can use," said one irate owner. "They repeatedly tossed their kitchen garbage bags out on the rear deck, creating a buffet for rats."

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Who's still living the wild life?

What kind of wildlife animals invade your attic in Chicago?

BY JESSICA LOTICUS
Loop North News

You may not yet be ready to rekindle your pre-pandemic wild life, but the local wildlife is. In fact, they never stopped.

Attics are perhaps a wild animal's favorite hiding spot, in the entirety of your home. Why is that? Well, it's fairly simple. While wild animals may come across as pushy in the fact that they're barging into your house unannounced, they're actually fairly reclusive creatures.

Most wild animals don't really want to risk running into you by accident, so they're most likely to inhabit the parts of your home that are least inhabited. And that's your attic. Since nobody goes up there much, and there's usually a lot of clutter, attics can be an ideal hiding spot for a wide range of different animals.



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And which animals are those, exactly, in the Chicago area?

Squirrels

It can be tricky to remove squirrels in the attic, largely because they're small and sneaky, so you'll probably need to call a professional wildlife removal service to help you with your squirrel problem.

Squirrels usually get into the house by scaling trees, and finding a gap in the roof or the wall structure. Once inside the attic, they can cause serious damage to the structure, not to mention spread serious diseases, such as rabies or Lyme's disease. This is why you need to pay attention to the noises coming from your attic. Most likely, if there are scratching noises at night, you've got one or two squirrels living it up inside your attic.

Raccoons

Raccoons are another big house guest, particularly when it comes to attics. Like any other wild ani-

mal, raccoons (known for their non-picky nature when it comes to feeding) are coming to your property to find a readily available source of food. And like squirrels, they may look cute and cuddly on the outside, but trust us, raccoons can be rather vicious if they want to be, which is why it's best to keep a safe distance and arrange for the speedy removal of the raccoon in question.

Of course, it's always a good idea to call a wildlife removal professional, as they generally have a lot more experience doing this, but if you're attempting to do it yourself, you can learn how to properly remove a raccoon in an attic at raccoonsattic.com.

Rodents

Another common house guest in the Chicago area is, of course, the ever-popular rodent. By this, we could mean either rats or mice, as both are hugely common in most urban areas, unfortunately. What's more, rats and mice love a good attic, since it's very easy for

them to access and inhabit without kicking up much of a fuss, or indeed, attracting the attention of the house's owner.

As you no doubt know by now, rodents are big carriers of diseases, and so definitely not a house guest you should want on your property.

Bats

Lastly, another wild animal that's known for its proclivity towards attics is the bat. Since attics are darkened, often damp areas of the home, that makes them ideal for bat colonies looking for a place to nest and maybe even raise their young.

Bats are considered helpful for the environment, so bat removal is restricted, or even forbidden, in many areas of the United States. In other words, attempting to do so can land you in some serious legal trouble, which is why it might be wise to call a wildlife removal professional, as they're bound to be familiar with all the specific rules.

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A warning to all, Delta variant is mighty, be careful out there



Heart of the 'Hood
by Felicia Dechter

One year ago this month, my then 30-year-old daughter, Andie, contracted COVID. Thankfully, she came out of it OK.

By April, she was fully vaccinated.

Two weeks ago, Andie started feeling really sick. Her throat was raw, she had a runny nose, a horrible headache, and she was nauseas and light-headed. She went to Walgreens and had a rapid COVID test -- the result was negative. Knowing how she felt and having had COVID before, Andie then went and got tested two more times -- another rapid test and also a test that took a couple of days for results. She wanted to be especially careful, because if she had COVID she needed to stay away from her dad and me. Each of her three tests came up negative. We figured she had a bad cold.

Because of that we didn't really stay away from Andie but she did mask up around us. We live in the same house, and life went on as usual due to the negative test results. We watched TV and ate dinner together, actually hanging out more than usual because her dad and I were leaving for Wisconsin in a few days.

We had been in the car a couple of hours, on our way to Door County, when we got the call. Andie had woken up feeling worse, could barely move and was heading to the Emergency Room.

The next call came not too long after that: Andie had the Delta variant. She was one of the breakthrough cases. Around 10,262 COVID vaccine breakthrough infections have been reported to CDC as of April 30, 2021. (Beginning May 1, 2021, CDC transitioned from monitoring all reported COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough infections to reporting only those among patients who are hospitalized or die.)

"I feel like it's different than last time I had it," said Andie. "My head... I'm just dizzy. I can't walk straight. I can't do anything."

At the ER, Andie was told that they've been seeing a lot of positive testing of vaccinated people. But I still urge the unvaccinated to get vaccinated, and here's why: Both Andie and I honestly feel that if she hadn't been vaccinated, she may have gotten a lot sicker or worse. She was so ill as it was, that we can only imagine the 'what ifs.'

I get it about not wanting to get vaccinated. Even though my doctor has advised me to do so, I have never gotten a flu shot,

even after I got the flu in Jan. 2019 and in Dec. 2019, twice that year.

And when my good friend Debbie, who'd had a terrible case of shingles, suggested that I get the shingles vaccine I laughed at her and said, I'm not going to get shingles! I felt that because I'd had a very mild case of them when I was in my 20s that I was safe.

About four months later, I came down with the most painful illness ever. Worse than any broken bone. The shingles. They attacked my left breast, where I had been radiated for breast cancer and the pain went around to my back along the radiated nerve and it was the most horrible pain.

That was at the end of 2017. Being a non-vaccine kind of person, I still have not had the shingle's vaccine. (I just may get it next time it's offered to me.)

But I did get a COVID vaccine. Pfizer. Since mid-March I've been fully vaccinated. But just to be safe, my hubby and I stayed up north much longer than expected so we would not be around Andie.

As I write this, it has been almost two weeks since we were exposed to her. Neither one of us, thus far, has shown any signs of the virus. So I assume if we don't get sick that for us, the vaccine has worked.

One thing Andie mentioned was that she couldn't believe Mayor Lori Lightfoot let Lollapalooza go on. (Did you hear the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Fest has now been cancelled?). "With cases going up, why would Lolla be allowed?" Andie asked. "If only people knew how sick they really could get..."

I agree. I just got back into town and have not heard anything about Lolla being a super-spreader event, so that's a good thing. But some 385,000 folks attended. That's a lot of germs. (Cases usually don't start to pop up until 10 to 15 days after an event.)

We did get a call at this newspaper though from Rogers Parker David Johnson, who was very concerned about the recent "super-spreader" festivities occurring for the final Mass at St. Ignatius Church, 6559 N. Glenwood Ave. Johnson's best friend attended and he is now worried about her health.

Apparently 1,000 or so of the church's parishioners were packed in for the final weekend, which really was "disturbing" to Johnson. He said that the church shared its plans with no one, not the alderman's office, the Chicago Police Dept. or the Dept. of Public Health. Neither Ald. Maria Hadden [49th] nor her office staffers knew about the event until Johnson called and informed them.

"She was totally in the dark, which was also disturbing to me," he said. "By design or by defeat it flew under the radar, when the variant is up-ticking." It was reckless



A jam-packed CTA station after Lollapalooza.

and possibly criminal behavior on the church's part, he said.

"I think that was a very foolish move," said Johnson. "Foolish and ill-advised."

If the event becomes a super-spreader in the near future, contact tracing would be near to impossible, said Johnson. "That's very concerning to me," he said. "I'm really distressed the church chose to share no knowledge of the event."

I agree with Mr. Johnson. I will add though that I went online and found some video footage from the final Mass. People did seem to be masked so I'm hoping - make that praying we're talking church - that all who attended will stay safe.

I'm also praying that any upcoming large-scale events will be well-thought out, if they are still happening as planned. Because I pity the fool who gets the Delta variant -- it's mighty.

And now, some good news coming out of the pandemic.

Each and every afternoon during the height of COVID, we watched public officials and Illinois Dept. of Public Health director Dr. Ngozi Ezike provide updates on the numbers -- both cases and deaths -- and told us what was going on. I found that time to be one where I could sit down, take a deep breath, and find out the status of a virus that was raging through our world, communities and our lives.

I watched Dr. Ezike transform. She seemed to start out a little quiet, but in time I saw her confidence grow, as well as her frustration. I remember seeing her cry. And we all witnessed a sort of physical transformation about her too that was possibly a result of being on TV every day. Her outfits and makeup started being glammed up a bit, and I know it just wasn't me who noticed how good she was looking.

A woman who has both brains and beauty. How lucky can you get?

Yet Dr. Ezike apparently has a lot more than that to her too. At its 36th Annual Gift of Life Gala being held Oct. 28 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI) will present Dr. Ezike with the "Gift of Life

Award," in recognition of her "resilient and compassionate leadership through the pandemic on behalf of the residents of Illinois."

It's an honor well-deserved. We congratulate Dr. Ezike and thank her for her help in keeping us calm and informed during those crazy and unpredictable, dark days. And although we loved seeing Dr. Ezike on the telly every day, we hope that we don't have to have the doc and other public officials

start coming on again to give us any more grim news.

Please mask up folks. Get vaccinated to avoid hospitalization or worse. I have a feeling it's going to be another long, bumpy ride. Be smart and stay safe.



Dr. Ngozi Ezike

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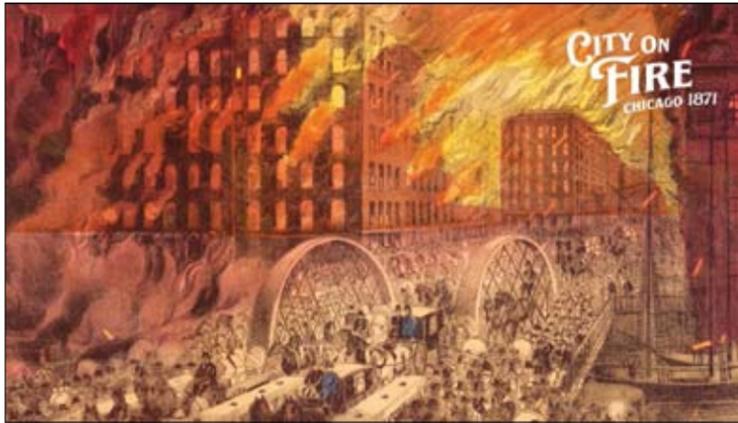
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On Oct. 8, 1871, the city of Chicago caught fire.

The rest is history. Now, 150 years later, that history will now be reviewed in a new exhibit coming to the Chicago History Museum [CHM], 1601 N. Clark St.

City on Fire: Chicago 1871 will open on the 150th anniversary of that fatal day and will guide visitors through the crucial events and conditions before, during, and after the fire.

This family-friendly exhibition will feature over 100 artifacts from the CHM's collection, interactive and multimedia elements,

and personal stories from survivors of the fire.

On that day in 1871, Chicago's busy streets were taken over by flames for three days, overwhelming a city built of wood and causing severe destruction, that ran north, west, south and north, burning out on the North Side just south of Webster St. in Lincoln Park.

After the fire died, recovery efforts exposed deep social and economic inequalities when more than 100,000 people became homeless, and society placed blame upon the Irish immigrant O'Leary family. It destroyed ap-

Just missed...

Located at 2121 N. Hudson St., this is the home that Chicago policeman Richard Bellinger saved from destruction while virtually all other buildings in the path of the fire area burned down.

It is generally considered the point where the fire ceased its travels north.

Although the late-1860s structure has been much renovated, it retains the charm of the original Italianate design by W. W. Boyington, who was also the architect of the Court House, the Water Tower, and many other pre-fire buildings.

According to the popular story, Officer Bellinger first used water to wet down the house, and, when that ran out, turned to his store of



Barringer cottage. Photo courtesy Stefani Foster

proximately 1,700 structures and buildings, killed an estimated 300 people and caused an estimated \$200 million in damages.

The disaster prompted an outbreak of looting and lawlessness. Companies of soldiers were summoned to Chicago and martial law was declared on Oct. 11, ending three days of chaos. Martial law

was lifted several weeks later.

The devastation also sparked change and regrowth in Chicago by introducing new fire safety guidelines and rebuilding as the resilient city known today.

For more information visit www.chicagohistory.org or call 312-64-4600.



Chef Bernard Cretier



Dayle D Ann Edgeworth



Buddy Guy

PICASSO from p. 2

Greek restaurant in Chicago on a summer's afternoon. Pass the moussaka, please.

TRUE STAR: This column had no bigger fan than Chicago chanteuse **Dayle D Ann Edgeworth**, headliner for many years at the Gaslight Club. After two months of noble preparation for departure, she has returned to God with no unspoken love and affection. She was the heart-filled girl of grand exits. Be at peace, dear one.

EXPANDING IMPORTANCE: Treasurer **Maria Papas** spoke before the World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association at the Greek Parliament in Athens. Her office is becoming an international model for efficiency and transparency.

BOOKS: Chicago's newest independent bookstore. Volumes Bookstore, 900 N. Michigan Ave., fifth floor.

NO SMALL PLANS: Architect **Lucien Lagrange** plans a new design for the proposed RIU Hotel 150 E. Ontario St. His 30th building in Chicago. RIU is a fabulous Spanish hotel chain.

CUISINE SERIEUSE: Famed **Chef Bernard Cretier**, who established Le Vichyssois restaurant in Lakemoor, IL in the 1970s, has died. His food was a landmark of high French cuisine and helped make Chicago a culi-



Ruete Butler and Jorie Butler Kent.



Josie Falbo

nary destination.

CHEZ STE. MARIE: Support the Little Sisters of the Poor September 9 at St. Mary's Home, 2325 N. Lakewood, with a House of Glunz wine tasting from the major regions of France. Tickets \$60, \$75 at the door. Call 773-935-9600 or visit www.littlesistersofthepoor.org.

STAR TALENT: Don't miss **Barb Bailey's** new show at Le Piano, 7 p.m., August 30 at 6970 N. Glenwood hosted by **Chad Willets**. \$25 cover charge.

BELIEVE: Proud to announce **Josie Falbo's** CD release of "You Must Believe in Spring" at The Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. Tuesday, August 17, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

WHO'S WHERE: Blues legend **Buddy Guy** just turned 85... **Candace** and **Chuck Jordan** hosted birthday dinner at Adalina

for **Todd Hatoff**. **Paul R Iacono**, **Frank N. Jeffery**, **Dr. Joaquin C. Brieve** and **Jennifer Sutton Brieve** joined the salute... **Bobbi Panter** and **Matt Arnoux** enjoying the beauty of Eden Roc, Cap d'Antibes... **Ester** and **Chris Magdalin** joined son, **Chris** and daughter-in-law **Flavia Magdalin** for Grandmama's birthday at Gibson's... **Ben Stemwedel** and classmates can truthfully say Victory! St. Ignatius College Prep Robotics won the Rock River Robotics Competition. Go Wolf-pack... **Adam Scott Umbach** and **Nora Dankner** celebrating their first anniversary in Tulum, Mexico... radio diva **Anna Devlantes** counting another year of blessings... **Sarah Q. Crane** under the "Bean" with **Holly Yeager**... **Reute Butler** and mom, **Jorie Butler Kent**, looking fabulous at Oak Brook Polo Club... **Lily Hauf** in

the Pink City, as the French refer to Toulouse 'cuz of all the urban brickwork... **Dino Impagliazzo**, known as Rome's 'Chef of the Poor', has died in the capital at age 91... **Scott Martin** at Ardmore Hollywood Beach with the boys **Jewcy John**, **Scottie Paitl**, **Dave Laborde** and **Matthew J. Roeder**... **Shelley Howard**, **Shaun Howard** and **Dan Navarro** celebrating **Joe Navarro's** birthday... Her gal pals had a great time celebrating **Caitie Taylor Gorecki's** bachelorette bash in Austin, TX with one more month until the big day... Happy Birthday **Dan Kirk**, run for something... **Rhonda Liesenfelt** swimming in Lake Superior... **Nikki Friar** and **James Weber** on Oak St... **Eamon Cummins** took nephew and niece, **Brendan** and **Devyn**, to their first Chicago street fest, Wicker Parkfest, they loved it... **Lindor Novillo Corvalan** for Brinker Hill | Sanfillippo raced with **Tomas "Toto" Obregon** of the Oak Brook Polo Club... Wonderful performance by **Isabella O'Toole-Boyd** on Cupid Solo with the Royal Ballet School, mom, **Holly O'Toole-Boyd** was there tapping she was so proud.

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.

— Pablo Picasso

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Who's open?

Theaters plan for venue reopenings

The League of Chicago Theatres announced the reopening schedule of the Chicago theatre industry.

And in City Hall, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events [DCASE] announced more details for "Chicago In Tune" (Aug. 19 – Sept. 19), a new citywide festival celebrating Chicago's diverse and legendary music scene and the 2021 Year of Chicago Music.

This month of music will bring together iconic neighborhood venues, presenting organizations and musicians from across the city to celebrate all music genres and forms — with hundreds of free and ticketed events at dozens of venues. The festival is part of "Open Culture," a component of the Mayor's "Open Chicago" initiative to fully reopen the city.

"I want to thank each and every City, arts, community and business leader who partnered with us to Open Chicago during this Year of Chicago Music," said Mayor Lightfoot. She also thanked residents, "whose diligence in following public health guidance has allowed our city's rich, diverse and legendary cultural scene to bounce back and become more resilient than ever before."

There are many free and ticketed events coming to Chicago neighborhood clubs, concert halls and beyond. They include: Hypnotic Brass Ensemble at The Promontory (Aug. 19); Goodman Theatre presents *Sones de México Ensemble's "Zulema"* in Chicago parks (Aug. 19–21 and Sept. 2); *Water Colors* with Junius Paul presented by Jazz Institute of Chicago in Polk Bros Park at Navy Pier (Aug. 20); Thomas Comerford at The Hideout (Aug. 21); *Bluegrass Brunch* at Beat Kitchen (Aug. 21 & 28, Sept. 4, 11 & 18); Pete Galanis and Friends featuring Dave Herrero at Rosa's Lounge (Aug. 24); *Ohmme* with Ganser at Thalia Hall (Aug. 26); *Kid A Performing 'OK Computer'* in its entirety at Subterranean (Aug. 28); *Porchlight Music Theatre* presents "Broadway in your Backyard" at CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center (Aug. 28); Chicago Soul Jazz Collective featuring 2020 Esteemed Artist Award winner Dee Alexander at Jazz Showcase (Sept. 1 and 15); NEA Jazz Master Herbie Hancock opens the Symphony Center Presents Jazz series at Symphony Center (Sept. 2); DJ All the Way Kay at Ace Hotel Chicago (Sept. 2); 2021 Esteemed Artist Award winner Billy Branch and the Sons of Blues, Joey J. Saye Trio at Reggies (Sept. 3); and Lyric Opera of Chicago presents Verdi's "Macbeth" at Lyric Opera House (Sept. 17 and additional dates).

"After more than a year of introspection, planning, and change while theaters have been closed, it is a thrill to have live theatre back—and to experience this great,

collective art form in Chicago again," said League of Chicago Theatres Executive Director Deb Clapp.

A list of live theater venues now open include:

The Second City reopened its Chicago venue with two productions: *Happy To Be Here* on the Mainstage, and *Safer, Shorter & Still So Funny* at e.t.c. The Second City welcomes back audiences with 60-minute shows Thursdays through Sundays. secondcity.com

Teatro ZinZanni returned on July 8 with a cast of comedians, aerialists, acrobats, singers, dancers, and a gourmet meal inside the Spiegel tent on the 14th floor of the Cambria Hotel. zinzanni.com/Chicago

MadKap Productions reopened July 10 with the world premiere of the new musical *Cooking with Bubbie*, starring Popular Chicago comedienne Jan Slavin and Gold Coast award-winner Carla Gordon alternating as "Bubbie" at the Skokie Theatre. Playing through Aug. 22. skokie theatre.org/madkap.html

Corn Productions reopened on July 16 and is now playing *Haunted: The Improvised Ghost Hunters* on Saturday nights through Aug. 27. cornservatory.org

The Annoyance returned mid-July with a variety of comedy and improv shows at their Lakeview theatre including *Dick Wolf: Special IMPROV Unit*, *Fire & Beer: The Annoyance House Ensemble*, *Hitch*Cocktails*, and *SuperHuman* among others. theannoyance.com

Opening soon

Goodman Theatre resumes in-person performances of *School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play* by Jocelyn Bioh, directed by Lilli-Anne Brown on now – Aug. 29. goodmantheatre.org

Dennis Watkins returns to perform live magic in **The Magic Parlour at The Palmer House** beginning Aug. 6. themagicparlourchicago.com

Drunk Shakespeare returns to performing in the Loop at The Lion Theatre starting Aug. 6. drunkshakespeare.com

Music Theater Works tells the sunny tale of *Mamma Mia!* through the music of Abba at the **North Shore Center** for the Performing Arts, Aug. 19 – 29. musictheaterworks.com

PrideArts' season opener will be the American premiere of *The Things I Never Could Tell Steven*, Aug. 19 – September 19. pridearts.org

Theater Wit opens its venue with the return of *Mr. Burns*, a post electric play, an open run beginning Aug. 27. theaterwit.org

City Lit Theater opens the world premiere adaptation of *Thirteen Days* running Sept. 10 – Oct. 24. citylit.org

Chicago Opera Theater performs *Carmen* in concert at the **Harris Theater for**

Aug 19 – Sept 19, 2021



Music and Dance on Sept. 16 and 18. chicagooperatheater.org

Metropolis Performing Arts Centre begins their season by transporting audiences to the 1960s with *SHOUT: A Mod Musical* Sept. 16 – Oct. 30. metropolisarts.com

The Lyric Opera of Chicago opens its season Sept. 17 with a new production of *Macbeth*, marking the inaugural production of Music Director Enrique Mazzola's tenure. lyricopera.org

Chicago Symphony Orchestra opens its next season with *Muti Conducts Saint-Georges, Price & Beethoven 3* on September 23. cso.org

Northlight Theatre opens with a tour-de-force performance by Bethany Thomas in *Songs for Nobodies*, celebrating the music of Judy Garland, Patsy Cline, Billie Holliday, Edith Piaf and Maria Callas from Sept. 23 – Oct. 31. northlight.org

The Factory Theater in Rogers Park presents *Last Night in Karaoke Town*, Oct. 1 – Nov. 6. thefactorytheater.com

Broadway In Chicago presents *Rent* at the CIBC Theatre from Oct. 5 – 10 in the 25th Anniversary "Farewell Season of Love" tour. broadwayinchicago.com

Mercury Theater Chicago returns to the stage with *Sister Act* the musical based on the 1992 film, Nov. 5 – January 9. mercurytheaterchicago.com

Harris Theater for Music and Dance returns Oct. 5 with its *Mix At Six* series featuring Nathalie Joachim + Spektral Quartet in a celebration of Haitian female artists. harristheaterchicago.org

Rick Bayless and Windy City Playhouse opens its run of the new immersive theater, food, and farce experience *A Recipe for Disaster* at Petteerino's in the Loop on Oct. 6. windycityplayhouse.com

Court Theatre produces *The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice* live from Oct. 7 – Nov. 21 on a set that places audience in the middle of the action, along with an at-home, on-demand streaming option. courtheatre.org

Black Button Eyes Productions opens *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog* at **The Edge Theater** to benefit the charity *Season of Concern* on Oct. 8. blackbuttoneyes.com

The Den Theatre presents four stand-up comedians to kick off its season this fall, beginning with Erik Griffin Oct. 8 & 9. thedentheatre.com

First Folio Theatre returns to in-person performances with *The Jigsaw Bride: A Frankenstein Story*, an eerie and suspenseful tale, playing Oct. 13 – Nov. 14. firstfolio.org

The Joffrey Ballet marks its return to the stage with *Home: a Celebration*, mixed repertory of original work and a beloved classic by co-founder Gerald Arpino from Oct. 13 – 24. joffrey.org

The Auditorium Theatre welcomes back resident company *Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater* as part of their "Made in Chicago Dance Series" on Oct. 16. auditoriumtheatre.org

Raven Theatre begins its season with the world premiere of *Joshua Allen's The Last Pair of Earlies* playing Oct. 27 – Dec. 12. raventheatre.com

Broadway In Chicago presents the pre-Broadway premiere of *Paradise Square* at the *Nederlander Theatre* Nov. 2 – Dec. 5. broadwayinchicago.com

Steppenwolf Theatre Company revives Tracy Letts' mind-bending cult classic *Bug* Nov. 11 – Dec. 12. steppenwolf.org

For a comprehensive list of Chicago pro-

WHO'S OPEN see p. 10

Edgewater arts fest seeks artists

Edgewater Arts Festival still has some booths available for artists and sponsors. The Fest will be held at 1100 W. Granville on Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, August 29, 11 a.m. -7 p.m. Artists can apply at: <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=9424>. There is no application fee, and the \$275 booth fee includes the City of Chicago \$25 vendor fee. Contact Kevin Flynn with any artist or sponsorship questions at eaimcallforartists@gmail.com. For more information visit www.edgewaterartists.com

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Blue is back!

After being shut down during the pandemic lockdown, the theatrical phenomenon Blue Man Group is now resuming its Chicago Residency at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St., starting Aug. 18.

Blue Man Group, formed in 1987, offers dynamic combination of art, music, comedy and technology, known for its award-winning theatrical productions, iconic characters and multiple creative explorations, that has now entertained over 35 million people worldwide.

In 2017, Blue Man Group was bought by Cirque de Soleil, who announced that they would expand the concept. They now have continuing shows in New York City, Boston, Las Vegas, Berlin and Chicago.



Police Beat...

Donut time

For the second weekend in a row, a crowd shut down the intersection of Belmont and Sheffield early Sunday so cars could do donuts in the middle of the street.

Video of one performance was shared online.

It's worth noting that these "side-shows" are taking place directly under a CPD surveillance camera that's attached to a pole on the northeast corner of the intersection.

Motorcycles overtake Wrigley Field plaza

In lawless Chicago, swarms of motorcyclists and dirt bikers, sometimes hundreds at a time, zoom across the streets and sidewalks in Chicago now.

Downtown, the bikers were seen riding down sidewalks, too. They've been seen racing up and down Lake Shore Dr., crossing over lakefront parks on the pedestrian bridges and now at Wrigley Field.

Perhaps the most obnoxious moment came around 1:45 a.m. July 31 when a couple dozen motorbikers overtook the plaza in front of Wrigley Field.

A couple of minutes before the bikers arrived, a woman fell and hit her head on the pavers in front of the stadium marquee. An ambulance was on the way, and people were tending to the woman.

That's when a motorcyclist rolled on the plaza and burned a loud wheelie right next to them. Then, more bikes came along, surrounding the fallen woman and her friends with revving engines until the police arrived.

Uber driver carjacked at gunpoint on Mag Mile

A ride-hail driver was carjacked at gunpoint Aug. 6 as he waited for his next passenger on the Magnificent Mile, police said. It's the second armed carjacking since Sunday in the immediate area.

The driver was parked on the corner of Michigan and Ontario as he waited for another assignment when three men walked up to his car and displayed a handgun around 4:41 a.m., said Karie James, a CPD spokesperson.

They took control of the man's black Lexus, which was last seen heading west on Ontario, James said. The victim was not injured. Police did not release descriptions of the carjackers.

Another driver approached police officers as they talked with the victim and reported that the same group tried to carjack him in the area, too, but he managed to get away.

On Sunday, armed hijackers physically pulled two people from their Audi A6 near the Magnificent Mile and sped away with the victims' car, police said.

One offender walked up to the vehicle on Ontario between State and Michigan around 6:20 a.m. and ordered a 20-year-old man to get out at gunpoint, Officer Steve Rusanov said. Then, another hijacker pulled a 54-year-old man and a 22-year-old man out of the car. The carjackers were last seen heading west on Ontario with the Audi, which bears Indiana plates that begin with BOM.

Two shot outside Diversey River Bowl

Two people were shot in the parking lot of Diversey River Bowl, 2211 W. Diversey, Aug. 6, according to police. It's the second shooting in the bowling alley's parking lot since June 1.

Police said a 28-year-old woman and a 26-year-old man were standing in the parking lot around 12:51 a.m. when they heard gunfire and realized they'd been shot. They were taken to Rush Hospital in separate cars.

Meanwhile, police who responded to calls of shots fired found more than two dozen shell casings at the scene and at least one car with a bullet hole. Officers also reportedly found a handgun sticking out from under the driver's seat of an SUV that appeared to be part of the shooting scene.

The woman was listed in good condition with a gunshot wound to her left leg, according to a CPD statement. The man was transferred to Stroger Hospital in fair condition with gunshot wounds to his left leg and left arm, the statement said.

Felony charges filed against cop who shot unarmed man at Grand Red Line CTA station

A Chicago police officer who shot an unarmed man twice at the Grand Red Line station last year was charged with official misconduct and aggravated battery by discharging a firearm Aug. 5. Judge Susana Ortiz released Melvina Bogard on her own recognizance after a bond hearing.

Assistant State's Attorney Ken Goff told Ortiz a mostly-familiar story of how Bogard and her partner, Bernard Butler, confronted Ariel Roman, 33, because he passed between train cars in violation of city ordinance around 4:10 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2020.

Roman told the officers that someone in the other car was bothering him, that he had anxiety issues, and he wanted to be alone, Goff said. Bogard, 32, and Butler, 31, escorted him from the train when it arrived at Grand.

Goff said a scuffle broke out when Roman opened his backpack and turned away from officers on the platform. Roman and Butler eventually wound up wrestling on the floor near an escalator for four or five minutes as Bogard repeatedly radioed for help and ordered Roman to stop resisting, Goff said. But the CTA tunnel prevented Bogard's radio transmissions from being received, Goff and Bogard's defense attorney said.

Both officers deployed their Tazers twice without any effect, and Roman took control of Butler's Tazer and cuffs at one point, Goff said. Bogard pointed her pepper spray at Roman and Butler encouraged her to "shoot him," according to Goff. Bogard deployed the spray, which affected both Roman and her partner.

As Roman got to his feet, Bogard stepped back and said she would shoot him, Goff said.

"Shoot him," the partner allegedly replied.

Bogard put her handcuffs away, drew her gun, and pointed it at Roman while ordering him to show his hands, Goff continued. Instead, Roman wiped his eyes and took a step forward. Bogard then shot him once in the "chest-abdomen," Goff said.

Roman took off running up the escalator, and Bogard, still holding her gun in her right hand, shot him again, striking him in the rear buttock. He fell to the floor at the top of the escalator and was taken into custody.



Melvina Bogard

CTA passengers recorded parts of the incident on their phones, and the transit agency's surveillance system also recorded what happened, Goff said.

Defense attorney Tim Grace said Bogard's father died when she was three months old, and she was raised by a single mom who worked as a Chicago police officer for 25 years until she recently reached the mandatory retirement age.

"She's a cop and comes from a cop family," Grace said.

Roman ignored 25 commands to stop resisting, bent one of the officer's metal cuffs, and had "enough cocaine in his system, that could tranquilize a moderately-sized horse," Grace argued.

The Chicago Police Dept. has taken steps to fire Bogard and Butler. Their cases remain in front of the Chicago Police Board. A federal criminal investigation was also launched after the shooting.

No charges filed in brawl that sent men through hotel window near Lollapalooza

No charges have been filed in connection with an incident that sent three men to hospitals after they crashed through a hotel window during a brawl over fake Lollapalooza passes on Aug. 1, according to Chicago police.

It all began when a 26-year-old man sold the counterfeit tickets to a group of four adults on Aug. 1, police said. Around 5:45 p.m., two of the adults — a 38-year-old man and a 29-year-old man — confronted the seller about the allegedly fake passes on the 500 block of S. Michigan.

A fight broke out, and the men crashed through a plate glass window on the front of the Congress Hotel.

Police said the older victim suffered cuts to his head and both legs. The other victim's left leg was cut. The alleged offender sustained cuts to his back, head, and both legs, according to police. CPD officers applied tourniquets to stem blood loss from two arteries that were severed in one of the victims' legs, according to a source. All of the men were taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment.

But the alleged offender was released from custody without being charged, police said.

It's prison for man who kicked 4-year-old in the face at Lakeview CTA station

A 24-year-old man has been sentenced to prison for kicking a four-year-old boy in the face at the Belmont CTA station in Lakeview earlier this year.

Calvin Williams pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated battery of a child under 13-years-old causing



Calvin Williams

bodily harm. Prosecutors dropped three additional felonies in exchange for the four-year sentence. The boy and his 20-year-old mother were on a Brown Line train that pulled into the station around 1:15 a.m. on Feb. 12. When the doors opened, the woman noticed two men fighting on the platform, and she looked out the train doors to see what was going on, prosecutors said.

One of the men, Williams, walked onto the train and kicked her young son in the face, according to prosecutors.

The mother hit Williams on his shoulder and then continued striking him on the platform until police arrived to break them up, authorities said. Officers took Williams into custody.

Cops reportedly bust CTA pistol-whipper at Roosevelt station



Chicago police officers escorting the suspect from the Roosevelt station (L) and the "air soft" pistol CPD allegedly found in the man's backpack.

Chicago police on Aug. 6 arrested a suspect in a series of pistol-whippings and "person with a gun" sightings along the CTA's train system this week. Officers allegedly found an air pistol in his backpack.

CPD's Mass Transit Unit tweeted a picture of the man being led by police through the Roosevelt CTA station at 10:42 Friday morning. The detained man is wearing clothing that appears identical to the clothes worn by a man who was seen brandishing a gun Aug. 5 at the same train station and at the Fullerton and Belmont Red Line stations. A police department spokesperson said they had no information available about the arrest.

Earlier this week, police issued a community alert after a man pistol-whipped passengers on the Blue

Line in Bucktown and the West Loop.

Around 6:54 a.m. Aug. 2, a 21-year-old man was sitting on the Clinton Blue Line CTA platform when the offender walked up and struck him in the head with a handgun, Officer Steve Rusanov said. The attacker then allegedly boarded a train toward Forest Park. An EMS crew treated the victim at the scene for an injury to his right ear.

On Aug. 4, a 39-year-old woman was riding a northbound Blue Line train when a man struck her in the head and arm with a handgun around 9:03 a.m., police said. He reportedly exited at the Western station. The victim was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in good condition.

An ambulance took the boy to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, where he was given pain medication, but he did not appear to have severe injuries, according to prosecutors. A CPD spokesperson said he had a cut to his chin and facial bruising.

"This individual was four years old?" Judge Arthur Willis asked after hearing the allegations during Williams' bond hearing in February. When prosecutors confirmed the boy's age, Willis said he found that "extremely aggravating."

Williams has four felony convictions, including two for burglary, one for robbery, and one for a 2015 hate crime, according to state records.

He will receive a 50% sentence reduction for good behavior and credit for 161 days he spent in custody before he pleaded guilty.

Two hospitalized after 40 shots fired on Near North Side

Two men were shot multiple times as more than 40 rounds were fired Aug. 8 on the Near North Side. The shootings happened just a few blocks from where at least 90 rounds were fired in a shootout that left a man with six gunshot wounds earlier in the week.

Police said two men with gunshot wounds, one age 23 and the other 36, walked into Northwestern Memorial Hospital around 3:25 a.m. Sunday with gunshot wounds that they said they received at Stanton Park on the 600 block of W. Scott, according to a CPD report.

The men told police they were outside when someone shot at them. Police said the younger man was in critical condition with gunshot wounds to his torso and each arm. The other man, whose condition was stabilized, was reportedly shot once in each leg.

Investigators found blood, dozens of shell casings, and two cars with bullet holes between Skinner North Classical School and a Target Store on Scott St.

Court records show the 23-year-old was charged in June with multiple counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Aug. 2, a man was shot six times

after at least four guns were fired during a shootout on the 500 block of W. Oak. Detectives classified the shooting as "gang-related" because the victim, a 27-year-old Midlothian man, is a member of the Gangster Disciples, according to a CPD report.

The shooting began around 2:28 a.m. The man was shot in his right shoulder, both thighs, left foot, and twice in his right buttock, a CPD report said. He told police he was getting into his car when he heard shots fired and realized he'd been shot. But that's all he has said. A woman who was nearby drove him to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in her car. Other than her name, she refused to provide any other details.

Security guard accidentally shoots himself in Mag Mile Saks

A security guard accidentally shot himself at a Magnificent Mile department store on Aug. 8, according to a CPD report. His injuries are reportedly not life-threatening.

Police responded to a store on the 700 block of N. Michigan Ave. after the 63-year-old male security guard accidentally fired a handgun that was inside his pocket, Officer Steve Rusanov said. CPD dispatch records identify the store as Saks Fifth Avenue.

The guard, who reportedly lost part of a pinkie finger in the shooting, was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital where his condition stabilized.

Armed security at a department store may sound unnecessary but there have been sporadic incidents at the Mag Mile Saks.

Two men are currently charged with multiple felony counts after they allegedly ran into the store following a large brawl inside the neighboring Neiman Marcus store in Dec. 2020. CPD said officers seized three guns during that incident.

In April 2018, a group of thieves stole two diamond necklaces worth

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Alleged cop killer got probation for 2019 robbery in Old Town

BY CWBCHICAGO

A Chicago man accused of killing Chicago Police Officer Ella French and shooting her partner during a traffic stop over the weekend received two years probation after he pleaded guilty to robbing a man on the North Side in Aug. 2019. This newspaper reported on Monty Morgan, formally known as Emonte Morgan, shortly after that victim beat Morgan in self-defense following the Aug. 8, 2019, robbery attempt.

Two years ago, prosecutors said Morgan arranged to meet a 36-year-old Bridgeport man in the 1200 block of N. Larrabee so Morgan could purchase the other guy's \$900 iPhone. But, when the two got together around 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 8, Morgan took the phone and ran away, the victim alleged.

The victim tackled Morgan in a nearby parking lot, and a fight broke out. Police said Morgan punched the man repeatedly,

prompting the alleged victim to "defend himself." A passerby also jumped into the fray to help detain Morgan until police arrived.

Morgan's face was visibly battered and scratched when cops took his mugshot a few hours later.

Prosecutors initially charged Morgan, who listed an Old Town address at the time of his arrest, with felony theft and misdemeanor battery. He pleaded guilty to one count of robbery on Nov. 25, 2020, in exchange for a sentence of two years probation from Judge William O'Brien, according to court records. That probation is still in effect and prosecutors filed a motion for violation of probation on May 18, records show. The reason for the violation filing is not included in available court records.

On Monday, prosecutors charged Morgan with first-degree murder of a peace officer, two counts of attempted first-degree

murder of a peace officer, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a felony, and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in connection with the death of French, the shooting of her partner, and the attempted shooting of another cop over the weekend. He was shot by officers who returned fire, police said, and was listed in serious condition.

Morgan's brother, Eric, was driving the car that French and other officers pulled over for expired plates, according to CPD. Eric Morgan is charged with two felony gun counts and obstruction of justice in connection with this weekend's events.

But Eric Morgan also has a history of robbery.

In June 2018, Eric Morgan and another man were charged with robbing four people of \$180 in Madison, WI. He later pleaded guilty to felony theft.

Off-road motorcycle riding, street racing a daily problem for North Side

One of the unexpected consequences of not allowing police to pursue law-breakers in the Chicago is a growing problem with motorcyclists who use social media to organize road rallies, drag racing and off-road riding.

Off-road includes riding through red lights, onto sidewalks and bike lanes, using pedestrian lakefront bridges to get their motorcycles onto bike paths and into lakefront parks, or even the plaza at Wrigley Field.

Packs of motorcycles, some with hundreds of riders, have become an increasingly common sight and sound on the North Side, especially late at night.

In 2020 the city received about 4,000 complaint 911 calls about motorcycles. On July 31, a rogue stunt biking gang caused a fiery crash on the Stevenson Expy. that was caught on video.

In 2014, Chicago aldermen secured City Council approval for an Altered Motorcycle Muffler Ordinance, which amended Municipal Code to allow the Chicago Police Dept. [CPD] to issue citations for altered mufflers. In addition to improving the CPD's ability to enforce Municipal Code, the amendment increased the fines for operating a motorcycle without a muffler from \$100 to \$1,000 per incident.

But now seven years later, that enforcement effort - like enforcement of a lot of criminal activity - is almost nil.

Police are over-worked, understaffed and can hardly keep up with incoming 911 calls. Many veteran officers have retired, and City Hall is having trouble enticing new recruits to accept jobs as police in Chicago.

Some North Side aldermen are now openly expressing their frustration with the city's inability to deal with the large groups of motorcyclists and drag racers

who disrupt the quality-of-life for area residents. Aldermen Michele Smith [43rd], Brendan Reilly [42nd] and Brian Hopkins [2nd] have all issued statements lately on their weekly newsletters critical of the lack of enforcement of Municipal Code and State of Illinois Vehicle Code Statutes.

But perhaps the recent downward spiral of enforcement of laws and ordinances started with the U.S. Justice Dept. [DOJ] Consent Decree. That is when City Hall turned CPD over to the Feds.

For the first time in Chicago's history, there is now a court order mandating broad police reform. The goal of that decree is to put in place reforms that govern police training and policies and provide officers the support they need

to implement safe and constitutional policing practices. Federal, state and city political leadership thought this was an effective path toward lasting reforms, and the only way to begin to build trust between local residents and police. But some of Chicago's criminal element may just have seen it as a free pass to misbehave.

In 2017, the DOJ concluded a yearlong civil rights investigation of the CPD, concluding that CPD has a history of serious problems endangering the lives of both residents and police officers. That history has had terrible consequences for both police and residents. African American and Latino communities in particular have felt targeted by racially dis-

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Top: Adriana Avellaneda; Luis Emilio Contreras-Castro; Juan Barrera-Ramirez; and Manuel Edgney Gonzalez. Bottom: Adriana Guitierrez-Marino; Gilberto Marrero; Orli Luis Martinez Cruz

Seven charged with phone thefts at Lollapalooza; over 120 devices recovered

BY CWBCHICAGO

Seven people, all from out of town, are accused of stealing or possessing stolen phones at Lollapalooza, according to CPD records. One man was allegedly carrying 44 stolen phones. Another allegedly had 31.

Chicago police recovered more than 120 phones at the four-day festival, CPD First Deputy Supt. Eric Carter said Monday.

Four Florida men each possessed "numerous iPhones" when police arrested them together on the 300 block of E. Balbo at 5:17 p.m. July 31, according to CPD reports.

- Orli Luis Martinez Cruz, 26, of suburban Miami, was charged with 10 counts of theft and then released on a recognizance bond.

- Manuel Edgney Gonzalez, 26, of Orlando, was released on a recognizance bond after being charged with 10 counts of theft.

- Adrian Gutierrez-Mariano, 31, of Miami, was charged with eight counts of theft and released on a recognizance bond.

- Luis Emilio Contreras-Castro, 55, of Miami, was released

on a recognizance bond after being charged with eight counts of theft.

Other individuals charged are:

- Juan C. Barrera-Ramirez, 36, of New York City. He had 36 phones in a bag and eight phones on his person when police arrested him on the 900 block of S. Columbus at 9:30 p.m. Saturday. He was released on a recognizance bond after being charged with fourteen counts of theft of lost or mislaid property.

- Adriana Avellaneda, 44, of suburban Los Angeles, allegedly had 31 phones in a backpack when police arrested her near a row of portable toilets on the 800 block of S. Columbus at 8:17 p.m. July 30. She was released on a recognizance bond after being charged with one count of theft of lost or mislaid property and one count of criminal trespass to land.

- Gilberto Marrero, 36, of Miami, was charged with three counts of theft of lost or mislaid property after police arrested him in the 500 block of S. Columbus at 10:30 p.m. Aug. 5. He was re-

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criminationary policing, and city taxpayers have paid more than \$930 million in settlements for improper police conduct.

At the same time, the mistrust of police has hurt the ability of officers to do their jobs, which makes communities less safe and puts the lives of officers at risk. And now, every time an officer conducts a traffic stop, their is five pages of paperwork to fill out. So officers now do calculations in their heads, weighing public safety concerns if they do or do not pursue any motorcycle or vehicle. Speeding and disregarding traffic signals is simply not enough

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ductions, visit the League of Chicago Theatres website, ChicagoPlays.com. Available half-price tickets will be listed at HotTix.org.

As part of **Chicago In Tune**, DCASE will present new and reimagined programs in place of this year's **Gospel music, Jazz, House, and Blues festivals in Millennium Park.**

Four special evenings at **Jay Pritzker Pavilion** will honor music born and innovated in Chicago, including: Gospel music (Sept. 3), Jazz (Sept. 4), House (Sept. 11) and Blues (Sept. 18) — all at 5:30–8:30 p.m.

The Sept. 3 **Gospel** music event — hosted by Jonathan McReynolds and Inspiration 1390's Sonya Blakely and DeAndre Patterson — will feature LaShon Brown;

to initiate a high speed chase.

These large groups of riders almost never stop for the police when they attempt to make a traffic stop. In fact, in many instances, police report that they encircle police cars and attempt to get the officers to chase them. “We can't chase them. We can't create a reckless, dangerous situation, and they're not stopping for us. When we do eventually get a handful of them, the ordinances aren't an effective deterrent,” 1st District Cmdr. Jake Aldernan told the Sun Times. He said it's an almost every-day occurrence to have a drag ranging from 20 to over 800 rampaging through the downtown and along the lakefront.

a celebratory music tribute to Rev. Dr. Clay Evans, Pastor Maceo Woods, and Archbishop Lucius Hall featuring The Carson Sisters, Nicole Harris, and Illiana Torres; and The Tommies Reunion Choir.

The **Jazz** event on Sept. 4 is presented with the Jazz Institute of Chicago and features Ari Brown, Marquis Hill, and Lizz Wright.

The Sept. 11 **House** music celebration will feature “Sanitize Your Soul,” a debut Gospel House Choir collaboration between Mark Hubbard and DJ Terry Hunter. And the Blues event on Sept. 18 is a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Alligator Records with Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials, Nick Moss Band featuring Dennis Gruening, Cash Box Kings with special guests, Shemekia Copeland, Billy Branch, and Wayne Baker Brooks.

In July, Ald. Reilly co-sponsored a City Council Resolution (R2021-787) calling for the Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings with the CPD, the Mayor's Office, and Chicago Dept. of Transportation to discuss dangerous drag racing and drifting and motorcycle noise.

On July 24, 2019, Reilly secured City Council approval for his Drag Racing and Drifting Ordinance, which increases the fine for drag racing and drifting to no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$10,000 for each offense. The ordinance also establishes a \$500 fine for operating a motor vehicle with an altered muffler within the City of Chicago.

But with the police forbidden from conducting any foot or vehicle pursuits, what good do laws do? All an offender needs to do is to drive or run away from the police.

In April, several aldermen secured City Council approval for a new ordinance (O2021-363) which adds several issues to the list of Code violations punishable by impoundment of vehicles for drifting on any street, highway, or other public way in the City, operation of a non-highway vehicle upon any street, highway, roadway, or any public property in the City, and operating a motor vehicle equipped with pro-

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leased on a recognizance bond.

The exact number of thefts reported during the four-day concert festival won't be known until the city releases the weekend's crime data, which is embargoed for seven

The Drag Racing and Drifting Ordinance establishes a \$500 fine for operating a motor vehicle with an altered muffler within the City of Chicago. But with the police forbidden from conducting any foot or vehicle pursuits, what good do laws do? All an offender needs to do is to drive or run away from the police.

hibited plate covers or other coverings that obstruct the visibility of the plate.

The city is also installing speed humps, curb extension, jersey barriers, and police cameras to try to manage the dangerous drag racing and drifting that is going on now. Yet the bikers flaunt their stunts now with covered license plates (or no plates at all) which make video ID's suddenly less valuable. City Hall has also established a “No Cruising Zone” and late-night “No Parking/No Standing/No Stopping Tow Zone” along Lower Wacker Dr., between Stetson and Field Blvd. where a lot of late night drag racing occurred.

days.

At least 209 thefts were reported during Lollapalooza 2019, and 121 were reported during 2018, according to city records. It's likely that many more phones were stolen but the cases were classified as “lost property” by police.

Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale**Real Estate For Sale**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LIMA ONE CAPITAL LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. ROBIN HONG SOON KIM; CITY OF CHICAGO; CHRISTOPHER TURNER; CTC BUSINESS GROUP LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,

21 CH 357 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 20-27-418-042-0000. Commonly known as 7750 South Rhodes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60613. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (630) 453-6960. F20110034 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13173060

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSF, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CSMC 2018-RPL6 TRUST Plaintiff,

-v.- IOANA A. MINGHIAT, SKYVIEW CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 20 CH 02877 2729 W TOUHY AVE APT 2D CHICAGO, IL 60645 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 8, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2729 W TOUHY AVE APT 2D, CHICAGO, IL 60645 Property Index No. 10-36-200-046-1007 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$192,898.53. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to

quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 401788. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 401788 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 20 CH 02877 TJSJC#: 41-917 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 20 CH 02877

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PARK PLACE CHICAGO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION Plaintiff,

-v.- SAMY HAMDAD, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2019 CH 07207 600 N. KINGSBURY STREET, PARKING SPACE 424 CHICAGO, IL 60654 NOTICE OF SALE FOR A JUDGMENT LIEN AND ASSESSMENT LIEN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 26, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 31, 2021, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 600 N. KINGSBURY STREET, PARKING SPACE 424, CHICAGO, IL 60654

Property Index No. 17-09-126-022-1222

The real estate is improved with a parking space. The judgment amount was \$19,475.53.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Archer Avenue, Mundelein, IL, 60060 (847) 537-0500. Please refer to file number CPA58-39010. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Thomas M. Olson KOVITZ SHIFRIN NESBIT 175 N. Archer Avenue Mundelein IL, 60060 847-537-0500 E-Mail: tolson@ksnlaw.com Attorney File No. CPA58-39010 Attorney Code. 38862 Case Number: 2019 CH 07207 TJSJC#: 41-864 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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a combined \$39,000 from the store. No arrests were ever made in the case.

Interstate teenage “fugitive from justice” charged with carjacking

A 17-year-old boy who carjacked a woman at gunpoint in Avondale this week had two outstanding warrants and was wanted as a fugitive by another state, police said.

The teen displayed a handgun and took a 31-year-old woman's car on the 2900 block of W. George St. around 11:31 a.m. Aug. 4, according to a CPD statement. The victim quickly called the police from her nearby home.

Officers tracked the hijacked Hyundai Sonata to the 3200 block of W. Walnut and took the boy into custody after a foot chase. Cops also recovered a handgun.

Prosecutors charged him with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. Police did not release any details about the teen's warrants or fugitive status.

Only misdemeanor charges filed after man's stabbed at Belmont Red Line CTA station

A single misdemeanor charge is all that has been filed in connection with last week's stabbing on the Belmont Red Line CTA platform, according to Chicago police. It's the second time in a week that a stabbing on the train system resulted in a misdemeanor charge even though signs throughout the transit system warn that anyone who batters a transit passenger or employee will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Police said that the Aug. 2 incident began around 12:21 a.m. as two men argued on a southbound Red Line train on the North Side. One of those men and a 27-year-old man who was riding the train but was not involved in the dispute exited onto the Belmont platform.

When the 27-year-old raised his hands as he passed the other man, the other man pulled out a knife and stabbed him in the hand, police said. The offender ran from the train station, but police stopped a man nearby and took him into custody after multiple witnesses identified him as the assailant, police said Monday. Officers allegedly found a knife on the southbound platform.

The victim was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for treatment.

On Aug. 5 Chicago police said that only one count of misdemeanor battery had been filed in the case. Maurice Holmes, 49, was released

on his own recognizance and is due in court on Sept. 22.

Earlier case

Last week, a woman was charged only with misdemeanor battery after she allegedly stabbed a CTA employee in his neck on a Loop train platform. Police said the 49-year-old transit worker accidentally sprayed water on a woman as he washed the State-Lake train platform around 10:44 p.m. July 28. The woman became upset and stabbed him in the neck with a knife, police said.

Doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital stitched the stab wound closed, according to police and prosecutors.

On July 31, prosecutors charged Quinton Joiner, 37, with misdemeanor battery.

During Joiner's bond hearing, prosecutors said the CTA worker pushed Joiner back when she confronted him about spraying water toward her. According to prosecutors, Joiner then pulled out a knife and stabbed the worker in the right side of the neck.

CPD records show Joiner was originally arrested for felony aggravated battery of a transit worker, but that charge was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Joiner's public defender argued that Joiner was not the “initial aggressor” because the transit worker allegedly sprayed her with water and pushed her.

Judge David Navarro set bail at \$5,000. Joiner will need to post \$500 to get out of jail on the charge. Navarro also ordered her held in lieu of \$7,500 on warrants from Kankakee County and a local violation of probation warrant. She'll need \$750 to get out on those cases.

Overdose caused death of man found in Red Line ventilation shaft

The man who was found dead in a ventilation shaft at the Chicago Red Line CTA station this spring died from a combination of drugs and alcohol, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Authorities halted Red Line service for almost two hours on the afternoon of April 5 after the man was found inside a vent in a restricted area of the station at 800 N. State St.

Police launched a death investigation, and the medical examiner's office conducted an autopsy. According to the medical examiner's office, tests revealed the 34-year-old died from a combination of heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, and alcohol intake. His death was ruled an accident.

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City Colleges launches Future Ready, on a first-come, first-served basis

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To prepare Chicagoans to seize career opportunities in the post-COVID recovery, City Colleges of Chicago [CCC] has announced Future Ready, offering high-demand, short-term college programs at no cost to qualifying resident on a first-come, first-served basis this fall.

Those interested in pursuing careers in fields as diverse as: healthcare, technology, transportation, distribution, and logistics, cannabis operations, auto tech, criminal justice and more have never had a more direct route to earn a college credential.

Students who are new to CCC are eligible, along with those returning after two or more semesters (fall/spring). Students who previously took adult education (GED/ESL) or continuing education are also able to take part. Undocumented students are included too.

“More often than not, students who are weighed down by significant socioeconomic burdens are kept away from opportunities to further their education and enter sustainable, good-paying careers,” said Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. CCC has found a way “to help alleviate these burdens and for finding ways to creatively support our residents as they chase after their academic and professional goals.”

The programs may be offered in-person at one of the seven City Colleges or its satellite sites or online, and may offer college credit, depending on the program selected. Programs range in length, with some as little as one day in length up to three

semesters.

A complete list of the 70+ eligible programs can be found at www.ccc.edu/futureready.

“The time is now to get the education Chicagoans need to be a part of the COVID economic recovery,” said Juan Salgado, Chancellor, CCC. “There is no better way to launch a career path than by taking advantage of CCCs’ Future Ready program this fall.”

Future Ready will only cover classes on a student’s program plan, and is good for one credential only.

Students will need to complete their program within 150% of time (For example, three semesters, if it is a two semester program). This is a last dollar scholarship for credit programs, meaning students will apply for financial aid if they are able and Future Ready will make up the difference in their tuition cost after the application of financial aid or other scholarships.

The funds are made possible through the use of federal tax dollars and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Chicagoans seeking to return to CCC with previous debt are encouraged to apply for the Fresh Start Debt Forgiveness program. Fresh Start offers former CCC students the opportunity to return to college, “learn off” their debt, and earn a college certificate or degree. For more information visit www.ccc.edu/futureready.

Registration is underway for fall 16-week classes through Aug. 26.

Children invited to share pandemic stories for all-new Once Upon Our Time Capsule project

A coalition of Chicago organizations has teamed up to debut Once Upon Our Time Capsule, an all-new, citywide, participatory art and storytelling project meant to empower children to share their stories of resilience.

Throughout the summer, the project will engage as many as 20,000 children in grades K-8 from across all 77 Chicago neighborhoods.

The kids will capture their thoughts and experiences from 2020-2021 through a range of mediums, including writing, drawing and video.

This fall, their submissions will be aggregated into as many as 20 giant time capsules to create a public art installation that tells the story of life in Chicago during the pandemic through children’s eyes.

The capsules will be sealed at public celebrations and then kept for the next five years at locations such as Adler Planetarium, the Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the Chicago Children’s Theatre, the Chicago History Museum and the DuSable Museum of African American History.

In 2026, the time capsules will be unsealed for a new generation of elementary-school age children and families to discover.

Stacey Gillett and Stephanie Hodges, two professionals with backgrounds in urban innovation and community development, dreamt up Once Upon Our Time Capsule in the midst of the pandemic. They were introduced to Jacqueline Russell, co-founder and artistic director for the Chicago Children’s Theatre, who saw great promise in the idea, and from there a larger partnership was born with organizations across the city.

To create a digital time capsule at home, visit ourtimecapsule.org and follow the five-step process.

Free time capsule kits with simple “how to” directions are available for pick-up at select Chicago Public Libraries and other partner locations across the city. The pick-up locations will double as drop-off spots for completed projects.

For more information visit OurTimeCapsule.org.

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“It will be an all hands on deck approach to reducing violence.”

Then, he backed it up with a selfie video from outside the soon-to-happen press conference.

“Mayor Lori Lightfoot is making a big announcement,” Rodriguez told the camera. “It starts with all hands on deck approach.”

In June, Lightfoot tweeted that her Director of Violence Reduction, Norman Livingston Kerr, “leads our all hands on deck approach to public safety and violence prevention.”

“ALL hands on deck!” Kerr said on Twitter a few weeks later with photos of Lightfoot at a community rally.

Heading into the Fourth of July weekend, Lightfoot again vowed to have all hands on deck. But her deputy mayor for public safety and her chief of staff both took days off in the week before the holiday, the Chicago Tribune reported: “Leading up to the summer months when Chicago historically sees its highest levels of violence, Mayor Lori Lightfoot vowed to take an “all hands on deck” approach to stopping the city’s shootings.

But even as the city canceled days off for Chicago cops and forced them to work 12 hour days, two of the mayor’s top aides took time off leading up to the Fourth of July holiday, where at least 108 people were shot, 17 fatally.”

After looters ripped through the city on Aug. 10, 2020, Lightfoot rolled out an “all hands on deck safety plan.” She did that just six weeks after deciding to “double down on our all hands on deck public safety efforts.”

In fact, we found over 100 references to the city putting “all hands on deck” to fight violence over the past 26 months on city websites and various city officials’ social media accounts. Some of those officials have since decided to abandon ship for other opportunities.

On Facebook last month, Lightfoot hatched a new safety strategy that “differs from past years in that it is truly an all hands on deck effort.” So, apparently, the previous year wasn’t truly all hands on deck.

There’s an obvious question to be asked here — did the city stop putting “all hands on deck” at some point and she’s now putting all hands on deck again? Or is Lightfoot’s plan sinking?

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also on staff to make outreach to tenants in vulnerable situations to offer assistance during the eviction enforcement process.

While it is unclear how many evictions will be filed in the coming weeks, it is undeniable that the pandemic has been financially devastating not only to many renters, but also to housing providers, many of whom have a small number of rental properties and rely on the rental income to pay their bills.

“Gov. Pritzker is making a sensible decision in phasing out the eviction moratorium as restrictions are lifted. Landlords and tenants have both faced unprecedented financial pressures since the spring of 2020 when the pandemic and stay-at-home order began,” said Michael Mini, executive vice

president of the Chicagoland Apartment Assoc. “Property owners and managers have been working collaboratively with tenants to set-up specialized payments plans, waive late fees, and extend grace periods to help those who were financially impacted by COVID-19, finding workable solutions to keep people in their homes. Rent relief and additional protections adopted by the courts and state and local governments will help housing providers and residents alike.”

Rental assistance could theoretically go a long way toward solving the immediate upcoming eviction crisis. And, while many programs got off to a slow start, the U.S. has started to see uneven but significant progress in getting this money to the people desperately in need of relief.

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